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Subject:

Divisional Patent Application of
Serial No.: 09/981,436 10/18/01

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A NOVEL CHEMICAL-MECHANICAL POLISHING
(CMP) PROCESS FOR SHALLOW TRENCH ISOLATION

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

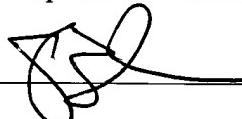
This is a preliminary amendment for the above referenced Divisional Patent Application. Please amend the above identified application for patent as follows:

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